

A Resolution

NO. _____

APPOINTING AN ANIMAL SHELTER TASK FORCE

WHEREAS the City's Code Compliance Department ("the Department") operates the Chuck Silcox Animal Care and Control Center ("the Animal Shelter") at 4900 Martin Street; and

WHEREAS the City Council has recently received a large volume of citizen comments, both positive and negative, about the Department's performance in operating the Animal Shelter; and

WHEREAS the City Council wishes to appoint an independent task force that would investigate these comments and advise the City Council and City Manager about any operational changes that might be warranted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS:

1. An Animal Shelter Task Force is hereby established consisting of five members as follows:
Place 1: Charles Daniels, former Assistant City Manager (Task Force Chair);
Place 2: Max Dow, DVM, MPH, Director, Region 3, Texas Animal Health Commission;
Place 3: James Bias, President, SPCA of Texas (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals);
Place 4: Dustin Deel, Director, Weatherford - Parker County Animal Shelter; and
Place 5: Patrice Randle, City Auditor (non-voting member).
2. The Animal Shelter Task Force is charged with the following tasks:
 - (a) Collecting and analyzing information about the Animal Shelter by touring the facility and observing operations; reviewing budgets, business plans, state inspection reports, and other pertinent documents; interviewing staff and selected stakeholders; and conducting one or more public hearings;
 - (b) Formulating conclusions about the Department's performance with respect to generally accepted veterinary medical practices and state standards for the operation of animal shelters; and
 - (c) Making recommendations to the City Council and City Manager about any operational changes that might be warranted.
3. The scope of the Animal Shelter Task Force's investigation shall be limited to the Department's performance with respect to generally accepted veterinary medical practices and state standards for the operation of animal shelters. The scope shall specifically exclude any personnel issues that fall within the purview of the City Manager and any



issues pertaining to the powers and duties of the Department and its Animal Shelter Advisory Committee.

4. The Animal Shelter Task Force shall meet at appropriate locations during the months of December through March and shall present a final report to the City Council no later than March 22, 2016.
5. The Animal Shelter Task Force shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council, shall serve unless or until replaced by the City Council, and shall be subject to rules applicable to other City task forces. The Animal Shelter Task Force shall cease to exist upon accomplishment of the purpose for which it was created unless earlier abolished by majority vote of the City Council.

Adopted this _____ day of _____ 2015.

ATTEST:

By: _____
Mary Kayser, City Secretary

